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# CS given no chance to explain

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discussion before accepting the resignation.

Both Mr. Kamaraj and Mr. Swaminathan said members would have an opportunity to speak later.

Mr. P. G. Karuthiruman, leader of the Legislature Congress Party, moved that the president be empowered to nominate his team of office-bearers. To a question by Mr. K. T. Kosalram if it was proper to constitute a new committee and new office-bearers, Mr. Swaminathan said the old team also went out of office with the acceptance of Mr. Subramaniam's resignation. Mr. Karuthiruman's motion was accepted.

Thanking the members for electing him, Mr. Kakkan emphasised the "importance of discipline" along with unity among party workers and leaders. He asked partymen to work and recapture the confidence of the people.

Earlier condolence resolutions were adopted on the deaths of Dr. Zakir Husain, former Tamil Nad Minister A. Govindaswami, Mr. N. R. Thyagarajan, former leaders of the Opposition in the Legislative Council, and film producer S. S. Vasan.

After the President's election, the general body sat in camera to discuss the general political situation.

Mr. Krishnamachari felicitated Mr. Kakkan on his unanimous election.

## IN-CAMERA

Pressmen were then asked to leave as the general body began an in-camera discussion of party affairs.

Mr. Subramaniam said that he was not invited to make a statement explaining his stand to the House.

Ordinarily, he said, he should have been called upon to speak while placing the resignation before the general body. "Anyway, it is there", he said.

Asked if he would attend the rest of the session—he had left this morning soon after the election of Mr. P. Kakkan as new President and the felicitations—Mr. Subramaniam said he would be attending, though not all the while.

Asked about the position regarding his membership of the Congress Working Committee, Mr. Subramaniam said there was no provision in the constitution to bar it. A member was elected on the basis of his qualifications at the time of his election. Once elected, he had to run his full term.

What would he do if he were not invited to the Working Committee meeting on October 30? It was for the CWC to decide, he said.—PTI & UNI.

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# Kakkan chosen TNCC chief

MADRAS, Oct. 11.

Mr. P. Kakkan, former Home Minister of Madras, was today elected unanimously TNCC President.

Mr. Kakkan hails from Melur in Madurai District and is a Harijan leader.

Earlier, The TNCC accepted the resignation of Mr. C. Subramaniam from the presidentship.

Among those present were Messrs K. Kamaraj, Subramaniam, M. Bhakthavatsalam and T. T. Krishnamachari.

Mr. Kakkan's name was proposed by T. S. Arunachalam MLC, and seconded by Mr. B Mahadevan, MLA.

The two-day meeting had been convened by Mr. Subramaniam, who later resigned following differences with Mr. Kamaraj.

Mr. Swaminathan merely announced Mr. Subramaniam's resignation and proposed its acceptance. There was clapping of hands by a number of members signifying acceptance.

Two members wanted a frank

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# Congress again on showdown course

## BID TO CENSURE PARTY CHIEF IS ON

*From NARAYAN SWAMY*

NEW DELHI, October 11.

**WITH the acceptance of Mr. C. Subramaniam's resignation and the election of Mr. P. Kakkan as the TNCC President, Congress President, Nijalingappa will be on stronger grounds to press his case that Mr. Subramaniam is no longer entitled to be a member of the Working Committee.**

The supporters of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi continued to assert that the letter informing Mr. Subramaniam of his removal from the Working Committee was indeed signed by Mr. Nijalingappa but was not posted when he received the letter of protest from Mrs. Gandhi and others.

**They argued that on the day Mr. Nijalingappa signed the letter, Mr. Subramaniam was technically the TNCC President. This argument will no longer be valid but they maintain that Mr. Nijalingappa, too, is basing his case on technicalities and resolutions passed a long time ago.**

The real issue is whether the Syndicate is trying to stage a comeback or not.

Attempts are under way to requisition a meeting of the AICC though the Working Committee at its meeting on October 30 is expected to decide on the date. It is argued by Mrs. Gandhi's supporters that only at a requisitioned meeting a censure move against Mr. Nijalingappa could be brought.

**The implication of this argument is of course that no compromise is possible or worthwhile at this stage. Mr. Nijalingappa and his supporters like Mr. S. K. Patil, too, are said to be convinced that a showdown is inevitable. Hence, their move against Mr. Subramaniam, Mr. Kamlapathi Tripathi and Mr. Kakani Venkataratnam, all proven supporters of Mrs. Gandhi.**

The Syndicate has won a tactical victory. While the Prime Minister and her supporters were anxious that the AICC should meet before the next session of Parliament, the Syndicate was always anxious that it should meet after the session.

The Syndicate expects that the fiasco at Rabat and Mr. Jagjivan Ram's failure to file Income-tax returns over a number of years would dominate the proceedings of the next session of Parliament. The forecast is that these issues would contribute to a considerable diminution of the prestige of both Mr. Jagjivan Ram and Mr. Dinesh Singh.

### *Confidence*

Even if a requisition were to be presented tomorrow, the AICC need not be convened before December 12. The party constitution merely says that it should be convened within two [illegible] the date of requisition.

JAAL NOTE
To-day At 10-30 A.M.
PRABHAT MORNING SHOWS

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# Kamaraj on indiscipline

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would be isolated from the main stream of Indian politics if it did not support the Prime Minister's progressive policies).

Meanwhile, the only parallel which knowledgeable circles recall to the constitutional issues surrounding Mr. C. Subramaniam's continued membership of the CWC even after ceasing to be an ex-officio member of the AICC is that of Mr. Hare Krushna Mahtab, former Congress Chief Minister of Orissa.

It is stated that Mr. Mahtab got elected to the Working Committee at the Bhavanagar session of the Congress in 1960 on an ex-officio membership of the AICC. But next year, he ceased to be an AICC member and his adversaries in the Congress took up the question of his continuing in the Working Committee. Mr. Mahtab was then directed by the Congress President to seek election to the AICC, which he did. He continued as a member of the CWC for the rest of the term.
—UNI & PTI.

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# Unity resolution can't condone PM's lapses

MADRAS, Oct. 11.

Former Congress President K. Kamaraj is reported to have told the general body of the TNCC today that the passing of the unity resolution by the CWC did not mean that responsible members should refrain from pointing out the Prime Minister's mistakes.

They could not be expected to keep quiet when the Prime Minister herself went about criticising them.

He was winding up the discussions after holding a six-hour in-camera session to discuss the ills afflicting the party at the national and pradesh levels, after electing Mr. P. Kakkan in place of Mr. C. Subramaniam as President.

There was a "frank exchange of views" on the developments prior to and after the presidential election, the question of enforcing party discipline, the debacle on the external affairs front in Rabat, the future programme of the party and other organisational matters.

Referring to the recent letter sent to the Congress President by the Prime Minister and five others, Mr. Kamaraj said their "hasty" action was born out of "childishness and inexperience." When no letter was sent by the Congress President to Mr. Subramaniam, why should there be any memorandum anticipating it?"

He said in a democratic set-up, people should not be afraid of exposing mistakes committed by those in authority. If they failed to do so, they should be condemned as "cowards."

Mr. Kamaraj explained that nationalisation of banks was suggested by him even in 1967. Why did the "so-called radicals" take two years to implement the reform?

## HOPES BELIED

He said it was true that he had been responsible for installing Mrs. Gandhi as the Prime Minister twice. People now found fault with him for criticising her. He had "high hopes" when he supported her candidature but they were "belied by subsequent events." It was like the Tamil saying, "an attempt to make an image of Vigneshwara ended in creating a monkey."

He said the party could not exist without discipline and without the Congress Party, democracy could not survive in the country.

Most of the 27 members who participated in the discussions were reported to have made critical remarks about the Prime Minister's stand during the Presidential election.

One of the members wanted a resolution to be adopted at tomorrow's sitting condemning the "indiscipline" of the Prime Minister and other partymen who voted against the official Congress candidate.

Another member said the TNCC should be prepared to face isolation if need be to uphold discipline and oppose those violating discipline. (Mr. Subramaniam had warned before submitting his resignation that the TNCC

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# TTK offers to heal Congress rift

MADRAS, Oct. 11.

Former Union Finance Minister T. T. Krishnamachari today offered to "mediate and resolve" the differences among the senior Congress leaders.

Felicitating Mr. Kakkan, on his election as TNCC President, he said, "I am prepared to mediate if I am called for. I can do this because I do not want any office."

Mr. Krishnamachari said differences among leaders were nothing uncommon in a political party. "This is only a small hole in the Congress and this could be patch-up." If there were differences it should be talked out and resolved. There was no point in quitting the party over differences since those who left the Congress had not "flourished."

He said the Tamil Nad Congress should stand united and show the way for the rest of the country. He was "sorry" for Mr. Subramaniam's resignation.

## AVOID CLASH

"In the Congress crisis, he felt, all were to blame. But nobody was infallible. At the same time it was important not to clash with each other over their mistakes. They should concentrate their energies on the work ahead and live like a family.

The Congress should undertake a "yagna" to recapture power. They missed the bus in 1967 not through mistakes, but by not striving hard to wipe out the grievances of the people at one stroke.

The present (DMK) Government was doing a number of "wrong things." The people were to some extent aware of these things, he said.

In a reference to socialism, Mr. Krishnamachari said he did not understand what socialism was from the way different people described it differently. But the Congress generally realised that the rich men would not be allowed to become richer at the expense of the poor.

## CONGRESS UMBRELLA

The foreign press had expressed the view that without the Congress, parliamentary democracy and economic development would be in jeopardy. The Congress was like an umbrella which protected the people. It was torn now. "Let us join together and stitch it up. Let us now not tear it any more," he said.

Mr. Krishnamachari revealed he was offered a Ministership in the Cabinet of Mrs. Indira Gandhi.

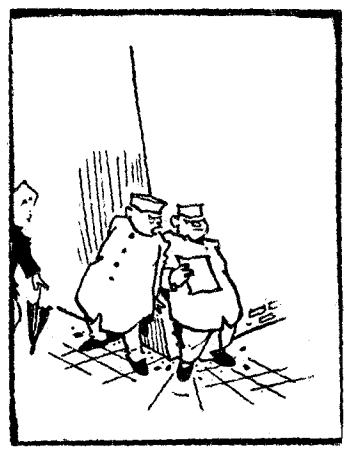
He did not say when whether before or after the 1967 general elections.

But, he said, "I had served under her father. How can I serve under the daughter," who was like a girl brought up by him.

Some people, he said, asked whether he was after Ministership because they saw him with Mrs. Gandhi.—UNI & PTI.

## *Mr. CITIZEN*

(By MURTHY)



Say, who are you spying for? The kitchen or the Syndicate?

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# Subramaniam says he is still in CWC

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tors, it was a field day for Mr. Kamaraj and his supporters.

Mr. Kamaraj was unsparing in his criticism of the Prime Minister's role in regard to the presidential election. He was also reported to have criticised Mrs. Gandhi and five other Congress Working Committee members for sending a letter to the Congress President on the issue of Mr. Subramaniam's membership of the C.W.C. He was reported to have said that the Prime Minister's "signature campaign" was "silly," because Mr. Nijalingappa had not actually sent a letter to Mr. Subramaniam on the subject.

Mr. Kamaraj was understood to have pointed out that the unity resolution applied as much to the Prime Minister as to others. He was reported to have declared that he would not tolerate injustice and that he was no coward to be cowed down by anybody. The former Congress President was also reported to have accused Mrs. Gandhi of ingratitude for all he had done for her. He said he would strive to maintain discipline in the party at any cost.

A spokesman, briefing newsmen after the five-hour session which began at 4 p.m. only said there was a free and frank exchange of views on organisational matters, party discipline and the presidential election.

Mr. Kamaraj and 27 others including a few D.C.C. presidents spoke during the discussions and Mr. Kamaraj answered several points raised by members, the spokesman said.

P.T.I. adds.

Mr. P. G. Karuthiruman, leader of the Congress Party in the State Assembly, then moved a motion that the president be empowered to nominate his team of office-bearers.

To a question by Mr. K. T. Kosalram, a prominent member, whether it was proper to constitute a new committee and new office-bearers, Mr. Swaminathan said that the old team also went out of office with the acceptance of Mr. Subramaniam's resignation. Mr. Karuthiruman's motion was accepted.

Mr. Subramaniam told PTI later that he was not invited to make a statement explaining his stand.

Mr. Subramaniam, however, said he would be attending the rest of the session, though not all the while.

Asked about the position regarding his membership of the Congress Working Committee, in view of the election of a new president of the PCC, Mr. Subramaniam said there was no provision in the constitution to bar it. A member was elected on the basis of his qualifications at the time of his election. Once elected, he had to run his full term, he said.

What would he do if he were not invited to the Working Committee meeting on October 30? It was for the CWC to decide, he said.

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Mr. P. Kakkan

# TNCC elects Kakkan new president

"The Times of India" News Service

MADRAS, October 11.

MR. PUJARI KAKKAN, 60-year-old trusted follower of Mr. K. Kamaraj, and a former Home Minister of Madras, was unanimously elected president of the Tamil Nadu Congress Committee here, this morning.

As soon as the general body met, the acting president, Mr. R. V. Swaminathan, announced to the meeting that the resignation of Mr. C. Subramaniam had been accepted and called for nominations. A point of order, raised by Mr. S. C. C. Anthony Pillai, who wanted Mr. Subramaniam's resignation letter to be read and discussed, was ruled out by Mr. Swaminathan.

The name of Mr. Kakkan, a prominent Harijan leader who had twice held the post of TNCC president, was proposed and seconded and he was declared elected as there was no other candidate in the field.

## Subramaniam silent

Mr. Subramaniam, who was on the dais along with Mr. Kamaraj, Mr. M. Bhaktavatsalam, a former Chief Minister, and Mr. T. T. Krishnamachari, was silent throughout the hour-long proceedings, which were open to the press. He left the pandal along with newsmen when the "in camera" session started. An open session is scheduled for tomorrow.

During the closed door meeting, speaker after speaker was reported to have assailed the Prime Minister, Mrs. Indira Gandhi, for indiscipline. One member said the Tamil Nadu Congress was prepared to stand alone against the Central leadership. Others advocated expulsion of the Prime Minister from the organisation.

With Mr. Subramaniam absent from the "in camera" meeting and his supporters apparently silent specta-

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# "Vindictive act" denounced

**"The Times of India" News Service**

LUCKNOW, October 11: The general secretary of the UPCC, Mr. H. N. Bahuguna, said today that the action taken by the Congress President, Mr. Nijalingappa, against the PCC chief, Mr. Kamalapati Tripathi, was an "act of vengence" for supporting the Prime Minister.

In his reply to the general secretary of the AICC, Mr. Shanker Dayal Sharma, Mr. Bahguna said that the action taken by the Congress President in declaring vacant the post of UPCC chief went against the Congress constitution and traditions.

Mr. Bahuguna alleged that this had not only encouraged distruptionist tendencies, but also given room for various interpretations.

The Working Committee was the only competent body to clarify the stand taken by the Congress President as the party constitution in this regard was controversial.

**Calcutta:** Mr. Shantilal Kothari, member of Parliament, said here today "if our Prime Minister fails or falters in achieving democratic socialism, we must go ahead without her."

Inaugurating a symposium on the role of the youth in the changing circumstances organised by the study group, Mr. Kothari said the syndicate must go lock stock and barrel. "If morality does not change them, mortality will", he said.

He regretted that the political hygiene of the country had been spoilt by their personal vested interests.—P.T.I.

Mr. Kothari accused the Congress President of "violating the spirit of the unity resolution" by his threatened action against Mr. C. Subramaniam and the two Congress chiefs of U.P. and Andhra Pradesh.

Mr. Kothari, who was talking to newsmen pointed out that the forces released under the dynamic leadership of the Prime Minister, Mrs. Indira Gandhi, would revitalise the Congress. He was of the view that the pro-changers would ultimately score a decisive victory over "the no-changers represented by the so-called syndicate."

## Bihar PCC chief raps Nijalingappa

**"The Times of India" News Service**

PATNA, October 11: The BPCC president, Mr. A. P. Sharma and the general secretary of the Pradesh Congress Committee, Mr. Ram Lakhan ingh Yadav, today condemned the "vindictive stand" taken by the Congress President, Mr. Nijalingappa, against Mr. C. Subramaniam and other PCC chiefs.

Mr. Sharma and Mr. Yadav, who arrived here today from Delhi, told newsmen that Mr. Nijalingappa's stand not only undermined the spirit of the "unity resolution" of the Congress Working Committee, but was full of contradictions.

## Young Turk's demand

BANGALORE, October 11: The Young Turk leader, Mr. Chandrasekhar, today urged the Congress President, Mr. S. Nijalingappa, to convene an emergency meeting of the All-India Congress Committee to discuss the latest developments in the party arising out of his move to disqualify Mr. C. Subramaniam from the membership of the Working Committee.

Mr. Chandrasekhar told UNI that the Congress President should respect the verdict of the bank and file among the AICC members and step down from office if necessary.—U.N.I.

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# *1960 situation recalled*

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cio membership of the AICC.

A similar situation arose in 1960 when Mr. Harekrushna Mahatab, former Orissa Chief Minister and a Working Committee member, ceased to be the member of the AICC. But the then Congress President, instead of terminating his membership of the Working Committee, asked him to seek election to the AICC which he did. In fact, there is no provision in the party constitution that a member of the Working Committee must always be a member of the AICC and should vacate his seat once he ceased to be an AICC member.

Mr. Banarsi Das, UPCC general secretary and a close associate of Mr C. B. Gupta today met Mr. Nijalingappa.

# TTK ready to mediate

**"The Times of India" News Service**

MADRAS, October 11: Mr. T. T. Krishnamachari, a former Union Finance Minister, now leading a retired life here, today offered to play mediator between the rival Congress factions at the national level.

Referring to some newspaper reports from Delhi which said there was no man of stuture big enough to heal the breach between the warring groups, Mr. Krishnamachari said he had the necessary qualifications.

"I have no ambition. It was true that Mrs. Indira Gandhi offered me Ministership, but I did not accept it. I had served under her father. I did not want to serve under his daughter—my daughter. I think I can play the mediator's role."

Mr. Krishnamachari, who addressed the general body of the Tamil Nadu Congress Committee after it had elected Mr. P. Kakkan president to succeed Mr. C. Subramaniam, felt that "the protective umbrella of the Congress "was absolutely necessary for Indian democracy." If it is a small tear, you can repair it. If you tear it beyond repair, the country will suffer. The leaders of the party fully realise this. I am sure they will compose their differences", he said.

P.T.I. adds: Mr. Krishnamachari expressed sorrow at the resignation of Mr. Subramaniam from the TNCC presidentship. In the Congress crisis, he felt, all were to blame. But nobody was infallible. At the same time it was important not to clash with each other over their mistakes. They shoul concentrate their energies on the work ahead, and live like a family, he added.

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*Note for High Command*

# Move to indict Indira Govt.

"The Times of India" News Service

NEW DELHI, October 11.

**OBVIOUSLY to cause embarassment to the Prime Minister, the AICC office proposes to place before the Congress Working Committee on October 30 a comprehensive note which will be a virtual indictment of the Government for its "failure" to implement most of the items in the ten-point programme and the resolution on economic policy adopted at the Bangalore AICC session in July.**

The note has already been drafted and will soon be circulated to the Working Committee members.

**Among the important items which, according to the note, have not been implemented are nationalisation of raw material import and general insurance, ceiling on urban property, abolition of privy purses and privileges of ex-rulers and a curb on ostentatious spending.**

Another note suggesting a reappraisal of the foreign policy in the light of the humiliation suffered by India at the Rabat Islamic summit is also likely to be placed before the Working Committee.

Besides a review of the foreign policy and the economic situation, particularly, the steps taken so far to implement the Bangalore resolution, the Working Committee will also discuss the political situation with special reference to the Ahmedabad communal riots. Mr. Sadiq Ali, AICC general secretary, left today for Ahmedabad to study the causes of the disturbances and prepare a report for consideration by the Working Committee.

## PM consulted

According to AICC sources, the date of the Working Committee was fixed by Mr. Nijalingappa after consulting Mrs. Gandhi. These sources expressed surprise that the Prime Minister had asked the Congress President to advance the date after having earlier agreed that the meeting should be held on October 30.

The agenda already circulated to the Working Committee members does not make any reference to the controversy over Mr. C. Subramaniam's continuance or otherwise in the Working Committee. But with the attitudes on both sides having already stiffened following the exchange of correspondence between Mrs. Gandhi and Mr. Nijalingappa and strongly-worded statements made by supporters of the Prime Minister and the syndicate, a show-down on the Subramaniam issue seems imminent.

Political observers here believe that the rapprochement efforts proposed to be initiated by the former Union Finance Minister, Mr. T. T. Krishnamachari, will not yield any tangible results in the present strained atmosphere when both sides are determined to have a fresh confrontation.

The fact that the AICC has drafted a highly critical note on economic policy shows that the syndicate, despite its earlier discomfiture, wants to have another trial of strength. Otherwise, it would not have contemplated moves for the removal of Mr. Subramaniam from the Working Committee and Mr. Kamlapathi Tripathi and Mr. Kakani Venkataratnam from the presidentships of U.P. and Andhra P.C.C.s.

After a six-week lull, an unseemly tussle has started between the two sides which may result in the disintegration of the party, if wiser counsels do not prevail.

According to AICC sources, Mr. Subramaniam is not the only person whose membership of the Working Committee has been questioned following the termination of his ex-offi

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# WAY OF THE WORLD

Tell me, Indiraji, how do you reply to a letter which was never written?